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To Addressees (Please See Attached List of Addressees)

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to the Federal Superfund Law for the Matlack Inc. Superfund Site, Woolwich Township, New Jersey

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the Matlack Inc. Superfund Site located in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey (the "Site"). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is charged with responding to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the environment and with enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq. (also known as the "Superfund" law). For your information, a copy of the Superfund law may be found at www.epa.gov/superfund/policy/index.htm.

We encourage you to give this matter your immediate attention and request that you provide a complete and truthful response to the attached Request for Information within **30 calendar days** of your receipt of this letter.

The Site is located on New Jersey State Route 322 in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. Matlack, Inc., a former transporter of chemicals and liquid wastes, operated a truck terminal at the Site from 1962 until approximately 2001. EPA has reason to believe that material from your company may have been transported to and, possibly, disposed of at the Site.

Under Section 104(e) (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e) (2), EPA has broad information gathering authority which allows EPA to require persons to provide information and/or documents relating to the materials generated, treated, stored, or disposed of at or transported to a facility, the nature or extent of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant at or from a facility, and the ability of a person to pay for or perform a cleanup.

While EPA seeks your cooperation in this investigation, your compliance with the attached Request for Information is required by law. When you have prepared your response to the Request for Information, please sign and have notarized the enclosed "Certification of Answers to Request for Information," and return that Certification to EPA along with your response. Please note that false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to civil or criminal penalties under federal law. In addition, Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with a Request for Information.

Some of the information EPA is requesting may be considered by you to be confidential business information. Please be aware that you may not withhold the information on that basis. If you wish EPA to treat all or part of the information confidentially, you must advise EPA of that fact by following the procedures described in the Instructions included in the attached information request, including the requirement of supporting your claim of confidentiality.

If you have information about other parties who may have information which may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site or may be responsible for the material stored at the Site, that information should be submitted within the time frame noted above.

Please note that if after submitting your response you obtain additional or different information concerning the matters addressed by our Request for Information, it is necessary that you promptly notify EPA.

This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. §3501 et seq.

Your response to this Request for Information should be mailed to:

Michael J. van Itallie
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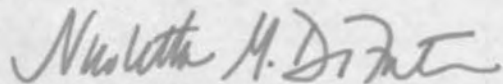
A copy of your reply should be sent to:

Juan Davila
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
290 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

If you have any questions regarding the Request for Information, or would like to discuss this matter with EPA, you may call Mr. Davila at 212.637.4341. Please direct all inquiries from an attorney to Mr. van Itallie at 212.637-3151 or at vanitallie.michael@epa.gov.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nicoletta M. DiForte". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicoletta" being more prominent.

Nicoletta M. DiForte
Senior Enforcement Policy Advisor
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS

1. Answer Every Question Completely. A separate response must be made to each of the questions set forth in this Request for Information. For each question contained in this letter, if information responsive to this information request is not in your possession, custody, or control, please identify the person(s) from whom such information may be obtained.
2. Number Each Answer. Precede each answer with the corresponding number of the question and the subpart to which it responds.
3. Provide the Best Information Available. Provide responses to the best of Respondent's ability, even if the information sought was never put down in writing or if the written documents are no longer available. You should seek out responsive information from current and former employees and/or agents. Submission of cursory responses when other responsive information is available to the Respondent will be considered non-compliance with this Request for Information. Whenever in this Request for Information there is a request to identify a natural person or an entity other than a natural person, state, among other things, the person or entity's full name and present or last known address.
4. Identify Sources of Answers. For each question, identify (see Definitions) all the persons and documents that you relied on in producing your answer.
5. Inability to Answer or Provide Documents. If you are unable to answer a question in a detailed and complete manner or if you are unable to provide any of the information or documents requested, indicate the reason for your inability to do so. If you have reason to believe that there is an individual who may be able to provide more detail or documentation in response to any question, state that person's name and last known address and telephone number and the reasons for your belief.
6. Documents. If anything is deleted from a document produced in response to this Request for Information, state the reason for, and the subject matter of, the deletion. If a document is requested but is not available, state the reason for its unavailability.
7. Continuing Obligation to Provide and to Correct Information. If additional information or documents responsive to this Request become known or available to you after you respond to this Request, EPA hereby requests pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA that you supplement your response to EPA.

8. Confidential Information. The information requested herein must be provided even though you may contend that it includes confidential information or trade secrets. You may assert a confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, pursuant to Sections 104(e)(7)(E) and (F) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604(e)(7)(E) and (F), and Section 3007(b) of RCA, 42 U.S.C. § 6927(b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 2.203(b). To prove your claim of confidentiality, each document must separately address the following points:
- a. the portions of the information alleged to be entitled to confidential treatment;
 - b. the period of time for which confidential treatment is desired (e.g., until a certain date, until the occurrence of a specific event, or permanently);
 - c. measures taken by you to guard against the undesired disclosure of the information to others;
 - d. the extent to which the information has been disclosed to others, and the precautions taken in connection therewith;
 - e. pertinent confidentiality determinations, if any, by EPA or other federal agencies, and a copy of any such determinations or reference to them, if available; and
 - f. whether you assert that disclosure of the information would be likely to result in substantial harmful effect on your business' competitive position, and if so, what those harmful effects would be, why they should be viewed as substantial, and an explanation of the causal relationship between disclosure and such harmful effects

To make a confidentiality claim, please stamp or type "CONFIDENTIAL" on all confidential responses and any related confidential documents. Confidential portions of otherwise nonconfidential documents should be clearly identified. You should indicate a date, if any, after which the information need no longer be treated as confidential. Please submit in separate envelopes both a clean and a redacted version of any documents or response for which you make a claim of confidentiality.

All confidentiality claims are subject to EPA verification. It is important that you satisfactorily show that you have taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information and that you intend to continue to do so, and that it is not and has not been obtainable by legitimate means without your consent. Information covered by such claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent permitted by Section 104(e) of CERCLA. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you.

9. Disclosure to EPA Contractor. Information which you submit in response to this Request for Information may be disclosed by EPA to authorized representatives of the United States, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2.310(h), even if you assert that all or part of it is confidential business information. Please be advised that EPA intends to disclose all responses to this Request for Information to one or more of its private contractors for the purpose of organizing and/or analyzing the information contained in the responses to this Request for Information. If you are submitting information which you assert

is entitled to treatment as confidential business information, you may comment on this intended disclosure within fourteen (14) days of receiving this Request for Information.

10. Personal Privacy Information. Personnel and medical files, and similar files the disclosure of which to the general public may constitute an invasion of privacy should be segregated from your responses, included on separate sheet(s), and marked as "Personal Privacy Information."
11. Objections to Questions. If you have objections to some or all the questions within the Request for Information letter, you are still required to respond to each of the questions.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to the following words insofar as they appear in this Request for Information.

1. The terms "you," "your," and "Respondent" shall mean the addressee of this Request and shall include the addressee's officers, managers, employees, contractors, trustees, partners, successors, assigns or agents.
2. The terms "your Company" or "Company" shall mean your company as it is currently named and constituted and all predecessors in interest of your company and all subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates and branches of your company or of its predecessors.
3. The term "person" shall include any individual, firm, unincorporated association, partnership, corporation, trust, or other entity.
4. The term "Site" shall mean a parcel of land located on New Jersey State Route 322 in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, identified as Block 5, Lot 6 on the tax assessment map of Woolwich Township.
5. The term "waste" or "wastes" shall mean and include trash, garbage, refuse, by-products, solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous substances, and pollutants or contaminants, whether solid, liquid, or sludge, including but not limited to containers for temporary or permanent holding of such wastes.
5. The term "hazardous substance" shall have the same definition as that contained in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), and includes any mixtures of such hazardous substances with any other substances, including mixtures of hazardous substances with petroleum products or other nonhazardous substances. The substances which have been designated as hazardous substances pursuant to Section 102(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602(a), (which, in turn, comprise a portion of the substances that fall within the definition of "hazardous substance" under Section 101(14) of CERCLA) are set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 302

7. The term "industrial waste" shall mean any solid, liquid, or sludge or any mixtures thereof which possess any of the following characteristics:
- a. it contains one or more hazardous substances (at any concentration);
 - b. it is a hazardous waste;
 - c. it has a pH less than 2.0 or greater than 12.5;
 - d. it reacts violently when mixed with water;
 - e. it generates toxic gases when mixed with water;
 - f. it easily ignites or explodes;
 - g. it is an industrial waste product;
 - h. it is radioactive;
 - i. it is an industrial treatment plant sludge or supernatant;
 - j. it is an industrial byproduct having some market value;
 - k. it is coolant water or blowdown waste from a coolant system;
 - l. it is a spent product which could be reused after rehabilitation; or
 - m. it is any material which you have reason to believe would be toxic if either ingested, inhaled, or placed in contact with skin.
8. With respect to a corporation, partnership, or other business entity (including a sole proprietorship), the term "identify" means to provide its full name, address, and affiliation with the individual and/or company to whom/which this request is addressed.
9. The term "entity" or "entities" refers to persons, individuals, companies, partnerships, or any other type of business association.
10. The term "documents" or "document" includes any written, recorded, computer-generated, or visually or aurally reproduced material of any kind in any medium in your possession, custody, or control or known by you to exist, including originals, all prior drafts, and all non-identical copies.
11. The term "arrangement" means every separate contract or other agreement between two or more persons, whether written or oral.
12. The terms "material" or "materials" mean any and all objects, goods, substances, or matter of any kind, including but not limited to wastes.
13. The term "release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment, including the abandonment or discharging of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant.
14. The term "pollutant or contaminant" includes, but is not limited to, any element, substance, compound, or mixture, including disease-causing agents.

15. All terms not defined herein shall have their ordinary meaning, unless such terms are defined in CERCLA or RCRA, in which case the statutory definitions shall apply.
16. The term "record" or "records" shall mean any tangible item or any electronic storage device containing any information of any type, including any book, paper, microfilm card, map, photograph, machine-readable material, digital or magnetic storage device, or any document, regardless of physical form or characteristic.
17. The term "Matlack" shall mean Matlack, Inc.

ATTACHMENT B

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

From approximately 1962 until approximately 2001, Matlack, Inc. ("Matlack") operated a truck terminal at the Site. Matlack filed a bankruptcy petition in 2001 and is no longer in business. Matlack was a transporter of chemicals and liquid wastes, including hazardous substances. Matlack's operations at the Site included purging the tanks used to haul the chemicals and liquid wastes. For many years, after purging the tanks, Matlack disposed of the contaminated wash water in an on-site lagoon. Matlack later stored the wash water in two large open-top in-ground tanks. EPA is in possession of hazardous waste manifests that indicate that Matlack hauled materials for your Company. Copies of the manifests are enclosed at Attachment C.

1. Please state the correct legal name and mailing address of your Company.
2. Describe in detail the nature of any business transactions between your Company and Matlack.
3. Other than on the dates indicated on the enclosed hazardous waste manifests, during the period from 1962 through 2001, did your Company ever enter into any business transactions, including any contracts, with Matlack pursuant to which your Company transferred liquid product, off-specification product, industrial waste (as defined by # 7 of the Definitions), any hazardous substance, or any material of any type to a tanker truck owned or operated by Matlack? If your answer is yes, describe the nature of such transactions.
4. Other than on the dates indicated on the enclosed hazardous waste manifests, during the period from 1962 through 2001, did Matlack ever remove by tanker truck liquid product, off-specification product, industrial waste (as defined by # 7 of the Definitions), any hazardous substance, or any material of any type from any facility which was owned or operated by your Company in Delaware, New Jersey, the State of New York, or Pennsylvania?
5. During the period from 1962 through 2001, did your Company ever enter into any business transactions, including any contracts, pursuant to which your Company transferred liquid product, off-specification product, industrial waste (as defined by # 7 of the Definitions), any hazardous substance, or any material of any type to a tanker truck owned or operated by an entity other than Matlack for treatment or disposal at the Site? If your answer is yes, describe the nature of such transactions.

For every yes answer provided in response to questions 3 through 5 provide the basis for responding yes to the question and identify the following, as applicable: (i) the dates of the transactions and the facilities involved in the transactions; (ii) the nature of the transaction; (iii) the nature, quantity and chemical composition of the material which was transported from your Company to the Site or

which was provided to any company identified in questions 3 through 5 above; and (iv) all records relating to your responses to items (i),(ii), and (iii) above.

6. Identify each individual who assisted or was consulted or who answered on your behalf or on behalf of the Company in the preparation of its response to this Request for Information and specify the question with which each person assisted in responding.

CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

State of _____

County of _____:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that I am under a continuing obligation to supplement my response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or my response thereto should become known or available to me.

NAME (print or type)

TITLE (print or type)

SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this
day of _____, 201

Notary Public

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ATTACHMENT C